

APPENDIX

Postal Savings Bank Act of June 25, 1910, c. 386, 36 Stat. 814, as amended, 39 U. S. C. 751 *et seq.* (The provisions are set forth below as they appear in the Code.)

SECTION 751. Board of trustees; regulations; annual report.—There shall be a board of trustees for the control, supervision, and administration of the postal savings depository offices designated and established under the provisions of this chapter, and of the funds received as deposits at such postal savings depository offices by virtue thereof. Said board shall consist of the Postmaster General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General, severally, acting *ex officio*, and, except as otherwise provided by section 768 of this title, shall have power to make all necessary and proper regulations for the receipt, transmittal, custody, deposit, investment, and repayment of the funds deposited at postal savings depository offices.

The board of trustees shall submit a report to Congress at the beginning of each regular session showing by States and Territories (for the preceding fiscal year) the number and names of post offices receiving deposits, the aggregate amount of deposits made therein, the aggregate amount of withdrawals therefrom, the number of depositors in each, the total amount standing to the credit of all depositors at the conclusion of the year, the amount of such deposits at interest, the amount of interest received thereon, the amount of interest

paid thereon, the amount of deposits surrendered by depositors for bonds issued by authority of this chapter, and the number and amount of unclaimed deposits. Also the amount invested in Government securities by the trustees, the amount of extra expense of the Post Office Department and the Postal Service incident to the operation of the postal savings depository system, and all other facts which it may deem pertinent and proper to present.

SECTION 752. *Mail pertaining to business transmitted free.*—The provisions of section 321 of this title are hereby extended and made applicable to all official mail matter pertaining to the business of the Postal Savings System.

SECTION 753. *Designation of offices.*—Every post office designated by order of the Postmaster General is declared to be a postal savings depository office within the meaning of this chapter and to be authorized and required to receive deposits of funds from the public and to account for and dispose of the same, according to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations made in pursuance thereof.

SECTION 754. *Opening accounts and making deposits.*—Accounts may be opened and deposits made in any postal savings depository established under this chapter by any person of the age of ten years or over, in his or her own name, and by a married woman in her own name and free from any control or interference by her husband; but no person shall at the same time have more than one postal-savings account in his or her own right.

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SECTION 759. *Deposit of funds in banks; interest; reserve; security; deposits with*

treasurer of board of trustees.—Postal savings funds received under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in solvent banks, whether organized under national or State laws, and whether member banks or not of the Federal reserve system, being subject to national or State supervision and examination, and the sums deposited shall bear interest at the rate of not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ per centum per annum, which rate shall be uniform throughout the United States and Territories thereof; but 5 per centum of such funds shall be withdrawn by the board of trustees and kept with the Treasurer of the United States, who shall be treasurer of the board of trustees, in lawful money as a reserve. The board of trustees shall take from such banks such security in public bonds or other securities, authorized by Act of Congress or supported by the taxing power, as the board may prescribe, approve, and deem sufficient and necessary to insure the safety and prompt payment of such deposits on demand: *Provided*, That no such security shall be required in case of such part of the deposits as are insured under section 264 of Title 12. The funds received at the postal savings depository offices in each city, town, village, and other locality shall be deposited in banks located therein (substantially in proportion to the capital and surplus of each such bank) willing to receive such deposits under the terms of this chapter and the regulations made by authority thereof. If one or more member banks of the Federal reserve system exists in the city, town, village, or locality where the postal savings deposits are made, such deposits shall be placed in such qualified member banks substantially in proportion to the capital and surplus of

each such bank, but if such member banks fail to qualify to receive such deposits, then any other bank located therein may, as hereinbefore provided, qualify and receive the same. If no such member bank and no other qualified bank exists in any city, town, village, or locality, or if none where such deposits are made will receive such deposits on the terms prescribed, then such funds shall be deposited under the terms of this chapter in the bank most convenient to such locality. If no such bank in any State or Territory is willing to receive such deposits on the terms prescribed, then such funds shall be deposited with the treasurer of the board of trustees and shall be counted in making up the reserve of 5 per centum. Such funds may be withdrawn from the treasurer of said board of trustees, and all other postal savings funds, or any part of such funds, may be at any time withdrawn from the banks and savings depository offices for the repayment of postal savings depositors when required for that purpose. If at any time the postal savings deposits in any State or Territory shall exceed the amount which the qualified banks therein are willing to receive under the terms of this chapter, and such excess amount is not required to make up the reserve fund of 5 per centum hereinbefore provided for, the board of trustees may invest all or any part of such excess amount in bonds or other securities of the United States. When, in the judgment of the President, the general welfare and interests of the United States so require, the board of trustees may invest all or any part of the postal savings funds, except the reserve fund of 5 per centum herein provided for, in bonds or other securities of the United States.

The board of trustees may in its discretion purchase from the holders thereof bonds which have been or may be issued under the provisions of section 760 of this title. Interest and profit accruing from the deposits or investment of postal savings funds shall be applied to the payment of interest due to postal savings depositors, as hereinbefore provided, and the excess thereof, if any, shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as a part of the postal revenue. Postal savings funds in the treasury of said board shall be subject to disposition as provided in this chapter, and not otherwise. The board of trustees may at any time dispose of bonds held as postal savings investments and use the proceeds to meet withdrawals of deposits by depositors. The word "Territory" as used herein shall be held to include the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and the word "bank" shall be held to include savings banks and trust companies doing a banking business.

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SECTION 762. *Funds kept separate; accountability therefor; application of laws relating to postal receipts; additional bonds of postmasters.*—Postal savings depository funds shall be kept separate from other funds by postmasters and other officers and employees of the Postal Service, who shall be held to the same accountability under their bonds for such funds as for public moneys; and no person connected with the Post Office Department shall disclose to any person other than the depositor the amount of any deposits, unless directed so to do by the Postmaster General. All statutes relating to the safekeeping of and proper accounting for postal receipts are made applicable

to postal savings funds, and the Postmaster General may require postmasters, assistant postmasters, and clerks at postal savings depositories to give any additional bond he may deem necessary.

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SECTION 764. *Duties of postmasters and other officers.*—The Postmaster General is authorized to require postmasters and other postal officers and employees to transact, in connection with their other duties, such postal savings depository business as may be necessary; and he is also authorized to make, and with the approval of the board of trustees to promulgate, and from time to time to modify or revoke, subject to the approval of said board, such rules and regulations not in conflict with law as he may deem necessary to carry the provisions of this chapter into effect.

SECTION 765. *Application of safeguards for protection of public moneys and of laws as to offenses against Postal Service.*—All the safeguards provided by law for the protection of public moneys, and all statutes relating to the embezzlement, conversion, improper handling, retention, use, or disposal of postal and money-order funds and the punishments provided for such offenses are hereby extended and made applicable to postal savings depository funds, and all statutes relating to false returns of postal and money-order business, the forgery, counterfeiting, alteration, improper use or handling of postal and money-order blanks, forms, vouchers, accounts, and records, and the dies, plates, and engravings therefor, with the penalties provided in such statutes, are hereby extended and made applicable to postal savings depository business, and the

forgery, counterfeiting, alteration, improper use or handling of postal savings depository blanks, forms, vouchers, accounts, and records, and the dies, plates, and engravings therefor.

SECTION 766. *Faith of United States pledged to payment of deposits.*—The faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of the deposits made in postal savings depository offices, with accrued interest thereon as herein provided.

SECTION 767. *Judgment adjudicating right or interest in deposit.*—The final judgment, order, or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction adjudicating any right or interest in the credit of any sums deposited by any person with a postal savings depository if the same shall not have been appealed from and the time for appeal has expired shall, upon submission to the Postmaster General of a copy of the same, duly authenticated in the manner provided by the laws of the United States for the authentication of the records and judicial proceedings of the courts of any State or Territory or of any possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, when the same are proved or admitted within any other court within the United States, be accepted and pursued by the board of trustees as conclusive of the title, right, interest, or possession so adjudicated, and any payment of said sum in accordance with such order, judgment, or decree shall operate as a full and complete discharge of the United States from the claim or demand of any person or persons to the same.

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SECTION 769. *Transaction of business of Postal Savings System.*—The Secretary of

the Treasury may employ such number of clerks and employees of the several classes and at the several rates of compensation recognized by law, and expend such sums for contingent and miscellaneous items, as may be necessary, in his judgment, to transact the business of the Postal Savings System in the office of the Treasurer of the United States: *Provided*, That the money required to pay such clerks and employees, and contingent and miscellaneous items, shall be advanced to the Secretary of the Treasury at regular intervals out of any available appropriation for the establishment, maintenance, and extension of postal savings depositories: *Provided further*, That estimates hereunder shall be submitted in detail annually.